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There is on the whole surface of the globe, except Jerusalem, no spot that offers to every cultivated mind more material for reflection, than Hebron and the Cave of Machpelah. About three thousand and seven hundred years ago, a Nomad chief had to purchase a spot of ground, for four hundred pieces of silver, to deposit the remains of his beloved wife. The spot is consecrated as the burying place of the family of the shepherd; of his immediate descendants, and their wives. And while nations have appeared on the stage of history and disappeared—while kings and conquerors have spent treasures to keep their memory alive in the monuments erected above their ashes, we hear of neither hero, nor tomb, nor monument—while the "Yeshaina Hebron," those who sleep in Hebron, rest in honor, live in a posterity that has carried their virtues and their faith into all regions and among all nations. In whom must not a spot of so rare an interest rouse a desire to learn the nature of the place! what there is to be seen, and what honor is shown to the resting place of the man in whom all nations are blessed!

It is Hebron and the Cave of Machpelah that we are going to describe. It is the home and the burying place of the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and their families, which, after a lapse of thousands of years, are still looked upon with equal veneration by Moslem, Jew and Gentile. Here it was that Abraham fed his flocks, and after his return from Egypt, discoursed to his friends and neighbors of the wonderful things he had there seen. Here David was crowned (1 Chron. 12), and here he fixed his residence for more than seven years, until Jerusalem was captured from the Jebusites (2 Samuel 5: 6). Here Absalom declared his rebellion against his own father (2 Sam. 15: 1) and Adonijah, while his father David lay dying, assumed the reins of Government, in order to exclude Solomon, the favored son of

Bathsheba (1 King 1: 5). In this immediate vicinity was enacted the whole bloody drama of the wars in the times of the Judges. Here, finally, long before the age of the prophets, the Sun worshippers had performed their rites, and here, at last they found among them the tents of a mighty shepherd-prince (Gen. xxiii., 6) who did not worship sun or star.

The Arabic name of Hebron, the Mamre of the Bible, is Beth-el-Khalil the "House of the Beloved;" so called by the Moslems, in honor of Abraham, the "Friend of God." The city is the highest inhabited spot in Palestine; being 2,700 feet above the level of the Mediterranean. It is mainly built on the eastern declivity of a narrow valley, called in Scripture "the Valley of Hebron" (Gen. xxvii., 14), and running nearly north and south. It has no walls but to guard against the depredations to which unwall cities in the East are liable. The main town is divided into three quarters, separated from each other by gates, which at night are kept closed. The Jews have a quarter, or *Hatzere*, to themselves. The streets are narrow, angular and gloomy, and the houses which are flat-roofed, and of stone, and which were originally well built and lighted, are said to be much dilapidated. The roofs themselves are formed of domes; a style of architecture prevalent at Jerusalem, and in general throughout the East, where timber is scarce. The old town, of which the ruins are still visible, was situated farther up the hill. The population of modern Hebron is variously stated at from four to seven thousand; but the former estimate probably comes nearer the truth. It is composed of about 1,500 Mahometans who pay taxes, 200 who do not; and about 700 Jews. There is not a single Christian, it is asserted, in the place. Sandys, an English traveler, who visited these localities early in the 17th century, describes the valley of Hebron as "the most pregnant and pleasant valley that the eye ever beheld." Nature has certainly lavished her bounties upon it with no sparing hand, and it would seem that in spite of man and all the harm that his petty malice can wreak upon her, she takes a serene and disdainful pride in rendering it a paradise for his habitation. The winter pasture ground of Abraham is still alive with flocks as

when the patriarch watered his own at the wells of Beersheba. The birds still sing as sweetly; the white briar rose still dances as gracefully on the spray, the cyclamen still peeps out as coyly from under the gnarled trees, and the sun still floods the landscape with as mild a light, as when he first rose upon this enchanting scene from behind the mountains of Moab.

The vineyards and olive trees of Hebron still yield abundantly. Sir Moses Montefiore mentions, that he got there a bunch of grapes, about a yard in length. They yield an excellent wine which is said to be the best in Palestine. They are planted on terraces on the hill slopes and are defended by rude stone towers which also serve as repositories for the husbandman's tools. Durbin saw venerable Arabs in flowing robes, walking about among the vineyards, superintending the pruners and vine dressers, while women half veiled, were washing at cisterns on the hill-sides. These cisterns are a peculiar feature of the country. They are for collecting rain water, and may be found on every hill-side and in every valley. There are two within the city limits, one of which may reasonably be supposed to be "The Pool of Hebron," where David took summary vengeance on the murderers of his friend Ishbosheth. The larger of the two is, according to Dr. Robinson, 133 feet square, and nearly twenty-two feet deep. It is built of massive masonry, and its foundations are probably as old as those of King Solomon's Temple.

It is not consistent with the limits of the present article, to give even an outline of the varied fortunes that have attended the rise and fall of Hebron: once the metropolis of Judah and the mart of a busy and lucrative commerce, its population, wealth and trade are now constantly decreasing. The last terrible blow it suffered was that inflicted in 1834, by Ibrahim Pacha, who took it by storm and gave it up to pillage; simply because its inhabitants resisted the Egyptian conscription, and wished to throw off the galling yoke of Mohammed Ali. The Jewish portion of its inhabitants suffered severely on this occasion; notwithstanding the pledge given them by Mohammed that they should not be harmed.

As seen from a distance, the town with its stone houses, covered with white flat roofs, each of which is surmounted by a low dome, is beautiful, but the illusion is dispelled the moment the traveler enters within the walls.

The most important building in Hebron is the great Mosque, which the above cut is intended to illustrate, and which is built over the alleged tomb of Abraham. It is also called the Fort of David. It forms, in a measure, a fortress, and is situated in the south-eastern part of the city in an oblong enclosure, formed of immense stones, and measuring two hundred feet in length by one hundred and fifteen in width. The wall itself is sixty feet high. In the centre of this courtyard stands the Mosque, built, as tradition informs us, over the Cave of Machpelah; Arabic, Magr, i. e. the cave which Abraham purchased for a cemetery from the children of Heth, and wherein he and his wife Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Leah were buried. That all these persons were buried at Hebron in the family tomb thus purchased, there can be no doubt; nor does there seem to be any reason for disputing the tradition as to the truth of which, Moslem, Jew and Christian agree, and which thus defines

and fixes their resting places. At each of the four corners of the wall there was formerly a tower (see the wood cut), one of which is now quite destroyed and another partly so. The other two remain in tolerably good condition and are used as minarets.

Tradition ascribes the work—the Mosque and its enclosure—to the time of the Empress Helena. Others are of opinion that the church which the mother of Constantine raised over the sepulchre, and which the Mohammedans converted into a Mosque, was not built till long after the Jews had enclosed with this wall the tombs of their Patriarchs. The wall, they think, dates back beyond the destruction of the Jewish Commonwealth; while the Mosque they would attribute to a period not earlier than the 12th century. The Jewish inhabitants of Shechem believe that this remarkable building is one of the works of Solomon. It is by no means improbable that it was built by our people to keep in remembrance the burial place of the fathers of our nation; though it is singular that no report or tradition reports the origin. The architecture of the Mosque shows that it is of Jewish origin, it being similar to that remaining of the temple of Jerusalem, and the Empress Helena probably did little more than to repair and adorn an edifice which she found already built and which may be looked upon as one of the oldest, as it certainly is the finest Jewish architectural antiquity in existence.

If there is uncertainty with regard to the exterior of the Mosque, in respect to the interior it is still greater. The Crusaders lost possession of Hebron in the 12th century, and since then but two Christians have gained access to the Mosque; one, Ali Bey, a Spaniard, who, disguised as a Moslem, visited it in 1807, and the other Giovanni Tinati, an Italian. Miss Martineau walked nearly round the wall but saw nothing save a long flight of steps inside and the cistern where the worshippers wash. Even Moslems, it is said, are now very rarely permitted to descend into the cave, while Jews and Christians are rigorously excluded, even from the Mosque.

The Jews are permitted only to look through a small opening near the entrance, and to pray with their faces towards the grave of Abraham. And it is a suggestive and moving scene to witness a number of pious Jewish women with their *thechnoth* [prayer book] in their hands, pouring out their heavy hearts over the hallowed remains of Sarah, Rebecca and Leah. It is a painful reflection that the Moslems, the sons of the handmaid Hagar, should prohibit the sons and daughters of the true wife Sarah, from treading the ground so sacred, and so dear to them. Once Ishmael and his mother were expelled from the house of Abraham at the instigation of Sarah. There is in this, perhaps, an example of retributive justice holding out a warning to future generations.

The current description of the interior of the Mosque and the tomb is that given by Ali Bey, the Spaniard above mentioned. It is rather obscure; but it is the best description extant, and is in substance as follows:

(To be continued.)

THE HAZANIM.—Indeed, we want a new standard of behavior, as well as of reading, on the "Almemmor," or we must expect to see the rising generation even less devotional than the present. The nonchalant mechanical movement of many Hazanim on the Almemmor is, I believe, one great cause of the indecorum in many of our synagogues. One or two examples in the reading, which just occur to my mind:—Haloim, for Elohim; Sadai, for Shadai; Hale, for El; Ahharets, for Haahrets; Yisrohiel, for Yisroail.—*J. Chronicle.*

ELECTORAL HESSE is the only principality in Germany that persists in the policy of reaction. It admits no Jews to office; although the Constitution does not exclude them.

IT IS MAN NOT HEAVEN.

WHITHER THIS SUPERSTITION?

Is it not remarkable that at the moment France seemed to approach a terrible crisis that would have convulsed the whole world, a Jew should be hailed by the world as its saviour. The Emperor does not look more trustingly to M. Fould to be extricated from an awful position than the nations of the earth. I believe the great Humboldt said, "*quand la France est enrhumée tout le monde éternue.*" And what would be the commotion in Europe if, instead of a simple odd, France had had an inflammation in the head! And how much more remarkable would it be, what is not so very improbable, should Providence have chosen this Jew as the instrument for bringing about the withdrawal of the French troops from Rome, or, what is identical with it, the termination of the Pope's temporal power. Such a Divine retribution would be in keeping with the means frequently employed by Providence to avenge the atrocities committed on the Jewish people. When Egypt ruthlessly persecuted the race which had given it a preserver in distress and famine, just as ungrateful Christianity cruelly oppressed the people that gave it its God, Pharaoh was overthrown by means of those over whom he had tyrannised. When the incendiary of the first temple blasphemed the God of the conquered, the haughty monarch sank to the level of the beasts of the field, humbly acknowledging the hand that struck him down. When Antiochus, the fanatic, had deluged Judea with blood, the very impatience to exterminate the hated race brought on his ignominious death. When Titus the Wicked had celebrated his sanguinary triumph over weeping "Judea Capta," an early death, in the prime of life and the zenith of his power, overtook him, not without raising the suspicion of its having been encompassed by means mysteriously connected with his atrocities upon the Jews, as significantly hinted by an allegory preserved in the rabbinical writing, the key to which has been unfortunately lost. Providence, in selecting the Jew Fould to seal the fate of the papacy, would thus gloriously avenge before the eyes of the civilised world all the cruelties and all the persecutions to which Ultramontanism has subjected the Jews, from the day the fanatic council of Elvira issued its atrocious canons to the hour in which the crushing Concordat was imposed on Austria. The world would then exclaim, "Mortara, thou art avenged." And whilst the Jew, Fould, is the theme of conversation all throughout the civilised world, another man of Jewish extraction; and only by the merest accident in the world not a Jew, has just now attracted the attention of all England. The speech of D'Israeli, at Aylesbury, is commented upon by the whole English press. Is it not strange, passing strange, I should almost say Providential, and intended to impress the world, that whilst in France the advent of a Jew to power should be hailed by the whole nation, another horn Jew should in England form the prop and mainstay of one of the two mighty governing parties into which the wealth and intelligence of the greatest empire of the world is divided, and should be respectfully listened to by that very church which has identified itself with the state. There have been Protestant statesmen in Catholic France, but none have ever risen to the position of the Jew Fould. There have been converts from Catholicism to Protestantism in Protestant England, but none has ever occupied the rank held by the man a Jew by birth and feeling. It is clearly the will of the Disposer of Events that the race that gave the world a legislator like Moses, a singer like David, and a prophet like Isaiah, and, as D'Israeli would say, a moral teacher like Jesus, should not shrink into obscurity. Why? For purposes mysterious now, but which in due time will be revealed to the world. I have said that Mr. D'Israeli is not a Jew by the merest accident in the world. For those not acquainted with the history of this extraordinary man I will repeat what I believe I have

stated on a former occasion. When Benjamin D'Israeli was a mere child, perhaps not seven years old, the late Banker, Rogers, who visited the father, and noticed his indifference to all religion, took the promising boy by the hand and led him to the church. This, therefore, he knew, long before he had perhaps heard of the synagogue. He was made a Christian long before he knew that he was born in the synagogue.

THE HEREDITARY THIEF-CATCHER.

"Among the very few incidents that occurred to break the monotony of our probationary sojourn, was the arrival of the 'Lebashi,' the hereditary thief-catcher of the kingdom. For several hours the little town was in a state of confusion and dismay. Burglary had been committed—divers pieces of salt had been abstracted, and the appearance of the police-officer proved not one whit more agreeable to the innocent than to the guilty.

A Jing having been formed in the marketplace by the crowded spectators, the diver introduced his accomplice, a stolid-looking lad, who seated himself upon a killock's hide with an air of deep resignation. An intoxicating drug was, under many incantations, extracted from a mysterious leathern scrip, and thrown into a horn filled with new milk; and this potion, aided by several hurried inhalations of a certain narcotic, had the instantaneous effect of rendering the recipient stupidly frantic. Springing upon his feet, he dashed, foaming at the mouth, among the rabble, and without any respect to age or sex, dealt vigorously about him, until at length he was secured by a cord about the loins, when he dragged his master round and round from street to street, snuffling through the nose, like a bear, in the dark recesses of every house, and leaving unscrutinised no hole or corner.

After scraping for a considerable time with his nails under the foundation of a hut, wherein he suspected the delinquent to lurk, the imp entered, sprang upon the back of the proprietor, and became totally insensible. The man was forthwith arraigned before a tribunal of justice, at which Ayto Kalama Work presided; and although no evidence could be adduced, and he swore repeatedly to his innocence by the life of the king, he was sentenced by the just judges to pay forty pieces of salt. This fine was exactly double the amount alleged to have been stolen, and one fourth became the perquisite of the Lebashi.

The services of the hereditary thief-catcher are in universal requisition. Should the property lost consist of live instead of dead stock, it not unfrequently happens that the disciple remains torpid upon the ground; when all parties concerned feel perfectly satisfied that the animal has either strayed or been destroyed by wild beasts, and the expenses attending the divination must be paid by the owner. With the design of testing the skill of the magician, the Negroes once upon a time commanded his confidential page to secrete certain articles of wearing apparel pertaining to the royal wardrobe, and after an investigation of four days, the proper individual being selected with becoming formality, the professional reputation of "him who catches" acquired a lustre which has since remained untarnished."

JEWISH WRONGS IN AUSTRIA.—In the municipal council of Vienna, a few days back, a discussion took place about a revelation made by the *Medical Gazette*, that in the Foundling Hospital the children of Jewesses are baptised and taken away from their mothers, the latter not being allowed to know where they are even kept. Eventually a motion requesting the government to remedy this state of things was adopted almost unanimously.—*Shipping Gazette.*

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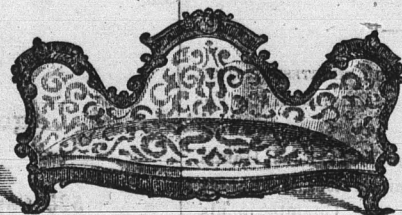
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of the ordinary course of events. The darkness may have had either a volcanic or an organic origin. If the former, it is probable that it was caused by the black dust emitted by some submarine volcano, which may have risen to the surface for a few days, and then disappeared—an event of not very unfrequent occurrence. On the other hand, it may have been owing to the prevalence in the atmosphere of black organisms, similar to those which cause red snow and red rain, but differing from them in colour. Of such a phenomenon an instance occurred in May, 1849 in the county of Carlow, where black rain fell from an inky cloud; and on examination the impregnating matter was found to consist of minute organic bodies. It is not improbable that to one or other of these causes, operating on a great scale, is to be attributed the celebrated darkness which occurred on the day well known in history as "Dark Monday."

MURRAIN, BOILS, VERMIN.

The murrain which attacked the cattle, and the boils which afflicted the people of Egypt, were also phenomena of the same class—miracles only as respects the mode of occurrence. The swarms of locusts, flies, lice, and frogs, were related phenomena, and in like manner miraculous only as respects the manner in which they occurred. So also was the conversion of the waters of Egypt into blood, if as is not improbable, that phenomenon was produced by means of infusoria. A similar occurrence took place in 1673, when the Nile was reddened, and remained red and putrid from July till December of that year. That organic bodies capable of producing this effect exist, we have proofs in the phenomena of red rain, red snow, and red dew, which are respectively caused by the presence of the organisms named *Sepraria Kermesina*, *Protococcus*, and *Palmella Cruenta*.

The conversion, however of Aaron's rod into a serpent was a miracle of the first class, because it involved a complete violation of the laws of nature. It may here be objected that this was one of the miracles which the Egyptian magicians succeeded in performing; but this difficulty may be removed by the following explanation. The magicians were jugglers, and were in the habit of training snakes and other reptiles; their mode of performing the miracle, therefore may have been merely simulative—a tame snake being cleverly substituted, by slight of hand, or a rod. The probability of this explanation is strengthened by the circumstance that the Naia Haja, or asp of Egypt, can, by mere pressure on the nap of the neck, be thrown into a state of catalepsy, which renders it stiff and immovable; and this trick appears to have been known to the ancient Egyptian jugglers, so that the simulation of the miracle in this manner might not have been very difficult. The superiority of the true miracle, however, was evidenced by the serpent from Aaron's rod devouring the others. So also the magicians, being accustomed to have frogs as part of their stock-in-trade, may have simulated the miracle of bringing those reptiles from the water; by stretching out their rods; and the resources of the chemistry suggest various methods by which they might imitate the conversion of the waters into blood. But as soon as the miracles went beyond the range of their art, and ceased to be such as they could imitate, they confessed that they must have been wrought by the power of God.

DIVISION OF THE RED SEA.

The division of the Red Sea seems to have been effected by natural agency, without any violation of the physical laws; for in order to explain the Scripture narrative, it is only necessary to suppose that a portion of the bed of the Red Sea was temporarily raised by volcanic agency, and then allowed to descend, exactly in the same manner as certain islands have been known in recent times to have been raised from the bed

of the sea for a short time, and then to have suddenly sunk down to their former position. The occurrence at the Red Sea, however, was miraculous as respects the time and manner of the operation of the natural laws, by which it was produced.

MANNA.

The fall of manna in the wilderness, also, though indubitably miraculous in the manner of its occurrence, may yet have happened without any actual violation of the laws of nature. The probable constituents of manna, carbon, oxygen, and the hydrogen, with perhaps a small proportion of nitrogen, all exist in abundance in the atmosphere, and the combination of these elements, so as to form the little sweet, nutritious granules, which fell on the Israelitish camp, may have been effected in perfect accordance with the laws of chemical affinity—the agency employed being not improbably either organic or electric. Instances have not been wanting of nutritious granules, nearly resembling the manna of the desert falling from the atmosphere even in recent times. Several of these occurrences will be found in the "Year Book of Facts" for 1848, p. 235. The agency in most of these cases appears to have been organic, and they are strongly illustrative of the manner in which the natural laws might operate in the production of a phenomena of this kind, though in the case of the Israelites the agency employed, whatever may have been its nature, doubtless acted in obedience to the immediate volition of the Deity.

QUAILS.

The subsequent arrival of the quails is illustrative of the same species of Divine agency. Those creatures, in flying towards the camp of Israel, acted not in opposition to their natural instincts, but in accordance with them; these, however, being so overruled and directed by the Divine interposition as to bring this supply of animal food to the murmuring wanderers in the wilderness.

MOUNT SINAI.

The phenomena which the Israelites witnessed on Mount Sinai, as described in Exodus xix. 16-18, in like manner do not appear to have involved any breach of natural law. The description rather indicates that the laws of nature operated for the time in obedience to the immediate volition of the Deity. It would be unreasonable to imagine the thunder and lightning to have been caused otherwise than by discharges of electricity from the thick cloud which enveloped the mountain. Equally unreasonable would it be to suppose the smoke and fire issuing from the mountain's summit, and giving evidence of volcanic agency, which also caused the mountain so violently to quake. Neither can the sound, which is designed "the voice of the trumpet," be supposed to have been produced otherwise than by the rushing of the heated air and steam through the vent of the volcano. Indeed, the whole description so correctly delineates a volcanic eruption as to leave no doubt on the mind of such having been the true nature of the phenomena recorded. But it must be remembered that the ancient Hebrews rightly recognised the immediate agency of the Deity in all remarkable natural operations; so that, in describing a volcanic eruption, this habit would lead them to attribute it to the descent of God upon the mountain. Their mode of expression is: "He looked on the earth and the earth and it trembled: He toucheth the hills and they smoke" (Ps. civ. 32).

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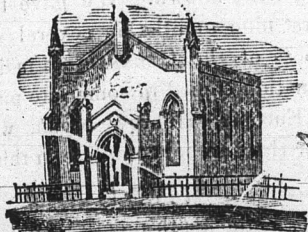
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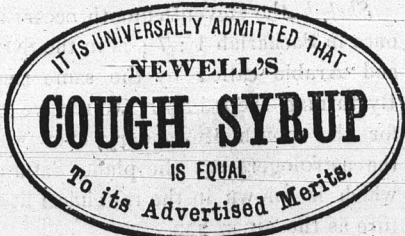
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Sept. 4. The Feast of the Ascension of St. John the Baptist.	Thursday.
Sept. 5. The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord.	Friday.
Sept. 6. The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord.	Saturday.
Sept. 7. The Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord.	Sunday.
Sept. 8. The Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.	Monday.
Sept. 9. The Feast of the Birth of the Virgin Mary.	Tuesday.
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Close of the Volume.

It is with some gratification that we report the close of another volume of the GLEANER. Five years we have, by the mercy of God, been allowed to labor in this field, and we hope, not fruitlessly.

Five years in California is a considerable time; and, considering the diversity of opinion existing among us, and many other difficulties we had to contend against, we think we have some ground to be satisfied that **THE GLEANER** at all exists.

The tenor of the GLEANER during these five years has changed very little. Our pretensions, as our name indicates, are moderate. We glean (sammeln) here and there such articles as we think will prove of some advantage to the general reader. The GLEANER is to be a family paper: as such its columns admit articles which other religious Jewish papers need not contain, and exclude others that have to be admitted into the columns of our contemporaries.

In treating religious questions we, from the beginning, took a moderate position. We, with the very first number of the GLEANER issued, endeavored to inspire a high respect for the past, for theancients, with all their deficiencies. But, this did not prevent us from acknowledging the just demand of our age, in its new relations into which it has introduced us, and the new convictions which inquirers have gained. It is confessed on all sides that the ancient institutions exercised a most salutary sanctifying power over Israel; they had an elevating and purifying tendency and effect over the minds of our people, in every sphere of their lives. This must be testified by Jew and Gentile who know our history. Still, it was the religious idea that gave life to the religious observance; where the idea has ceased to live, the mere mechanical observance will advance us little. And our forefathers believed much which we can no more believe, and hence practiced what we no more can practice; not because we do not like to observe, but because we think we need not and ought not to straiten our activity by minuteness. However, as even the faded leaf is a better remembrancer of vegetation than no leaf at all, we decidedly turn our face against that spurious reform which, without being at all vivified by

the religious element, thinks it has no other task but to hawl and grin at all that has no quite a modern shape; that does not suit our convenience, and, with a knife in hand, thinks it must lop off limb after limb, till we see neither root nor branch, neither faith nor work—and all this “because my people loves it so.”

Relying on the help of God, and trusting in the spirit of indulgence of which we have had so many instances during our pilgrimage on the not always pleasant path of journalism, we close this volume, in hopes of a continuance under more auspicious aspects.

MIRACLES.

Every rare appearance and occurrence that was not understood, was by the ancients called a miracle. Miracles will decrease in the same proportion as knowledge increases. They abound in the childhood of nations, and cease gradually with the advance of knowledge. Nature works according to a uniform plan. In this plan we discern illimitable wisdom, and we ascribe that wisdom to God. In this sense there would be no room for miracles.

But all men must admit the occurrence of *one* miracle—the creation of the world. The existence of the universe as a totality and that of every atom separately, is miraculous: we see wonders everywhere. It is their great number and their frequency that renders us indifferent to them.

The wisdom of God—or call it the creative wisdom—governs the realm of God after the perfect laws of wisdom. But that wisdom would not be perfect, if it would not in any particular case, when there is more reason for a deviation [Abweichung] than for a conformity, for the good of that creation, deviate from these laws—and who can say that such a case may not occur!—We, therefore, with the believing world, may admit that the unchangeable God will, at times, deviate in his rule of the world, and *miracles* may, and will take place.

Extraordinary facts and phenomena may be mere *wonders*; that is, events at which, by their rarity, we wonder; or they may be *miracles*; that is, a deviation from the course of nature.

We, the Hebrews, are a nation whose ancient literature abounds with the recital of wonders and miracles.

We believe them, because, if we can believe the greatest miracle, the creation of the world, of which we understand so little, how can we be bold enough to deny the possibility of minor miracles,

Our age is particularly inclined to disbelieve any thing beyond the commonest, most material appearances; our age is materialistic, its creed is of the most narrow compass.

But man is to be educated by faith,—reason and faith are to go hand in hand; and, considering the narrow limits of human reason and knowledge, the highest reason is, to express faith in matters too high for the range of human thought.

However, in perusing the pages of the Bible, we look through the texture of language and see several *events* recorded which are but *wonders*, and some even are but usual occurrences, vested with the appearance of marvelousness by the want

of knowledge in readers, who do not understand the language of nations in their childhood. So, for instance, lightning, in the Bible, is called *fire from heaven*, [Leviticus, ix., 24, 1 King, xviii., 38.]; thunder is called the *voice of God*, [2 Samuel, xxii., 14, Job, xxxvii., 5, Psalms, xviii., 13.] It makes a considerable difference if we read Sodom was destroyed by lightning, than to say by fire from heaven.

The cause of the unbelief of this age is the ignorance of former ages that is yet overcome by all the opinionated knowledge of this age. This age disbelieves with a vengeance, while the former ages believed without discrimination. Within these columns, I try to cultivate the spirit of marvelousness, and to emancipate the iron age from the shackles of materialism by giving from time to time space to real facts of every kind. The greatest truths converge into the marvelous: life, death, immortality, soul, and God—all these are marvels, and considerably beyond the reach of our comprehension.

THE HEBREW MONTHS.

The signification of the Hebrew month is very little known. We gave that of the first nine months in several earlier numbers of the GLEANER! Finding the explanation copied in some late number of a European Hebrew organ, we will render the number complete in this issue.

Tebeth, the tenth month of the ecclesiastical year of the Hebrews (falling in December and January), is, like several other names of the Hebrew months, of dubious derivation. The name is to be found in *Esther* 2: 16. It may be derived from תב, Chald. for the Hebrew שׁב (a number of words change, for the more ancient sound, into the שׁ, of the more recent dialects: as תור, Chald.: or Hebrew: שׁר; תור, Chald.: series, file; Hebrew: שורה; Latin: *sero*; תב, Chald.: תכומא (from Chald. זכר; Heb.: שׁב; Chald.: תבר; Heb.: שׁב; Chald.: תרה; Hebrew: שׁעה; Greek: *series*; Latin: *tueri*). Thus the famous Thebes, the city of seven gates, is called *Tebes* תב, for the Hebrew שׁב, seven. תב, for שׁב, is the verbal noun, meaning *Return*; in reference to the sun and the consequent longer days. The Egyptians called the name of the month, falling at the same time, Tubi, in which they celebrated a festival in honor of the returning of Osiris (the god of the sun). Is this perhaps an ancient form from טוב good! This month is in Arabic called טובה; Sanscrit *TĀPAS*.

Shebat, the eleventh month, occurs once in *Sachariah* 1 : 7 ; is in the *Syriac* and *Arabic* called by the same name. By turning the *ס* into *ר*, we receive *רשב* for the month of *January*, over which the astrologers set the planet *Saturn*, which is known in the rabbinical literature as the *כבב שבתאי*.

Adar, the twelfth Hebrew month occurs several times in *Esther*. *Adar* in Hebrew and the dialects means *strong*. In the Persian the moth is called *Adar* *fire*, the month of the fiery god *Mars*.

THE MOSAIC MIRACLES

DARKNESS.

The miracles wrought, by Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, were of a different character; the greater proportion, however, were both about natural causes, working in a supernatural manner. The palpable darkness, for example, of the hail and thunder, were events of the same kind. They were in testimony to the power of God, and to the truth of his promise, which have occurred at various times and in other places; but the manner of the occurrence was